

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 2, lines 4-11 with the following paragraph:

There are several standards for conditional access systems. In the U.S., one such standard is the National Renewable Security Standard (NRSS). The NRSS has defined two types of CA modules, a NRSS part A module (NRSS-A) with a smart card form factor, and NRSS Part B (NRSS-B) with a PCMCIA form factor. In the U.S., some other standards are OPENCABLE™ Host Point Of Deployment Interface Specification (POD), and Conditional Access System for Terrestrial Broadcast (ATSC-A70). In Europe, Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB) organization has defined a CA module similar to NRSS Part B called "Common Interface" (CI). For convenience, we shall refer to a CA protocol for use with a smart card (e.g., NRSS-A) as a "smart card compatible" CA protocol and refer to CA protocols normally not used with smart cards as "smart card incompatible" CA protocols (e.g., NRSS-B, POD, ATSC-70, CI, etc.).

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 11, line 23 to page 12, line 4 with the following paragraph:

In one embodiment of Figure 5, for example, computing resources 502 may consist of a host computer in an OPENCABLE™~~OpenCable™~~ compliant set top box or television. The OS 504 may be a version of Linux. CA 506 may be OPENCABLE™~~OpenCable™~~ POD, and driver API 507 may be the PCMCIA API interfacing to OPENCABLE™~~OpenCable™~~ POD. Wrapper 508 may be software, proprietary I/F 509 may be legacy support for a smart card, and smart card interface 510 may be an interface to an ISO 7816 smart card.